



Administrators' Notebook

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Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Who Would Send a Baby?

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Special Points of Interest:

- * Who Would Send a Baby?
- * Teacher Candidates
- * Prayer for the New Year

Jeanine and I have sung in the adult choir in all the congregations where we have served or attended. Jeanine has a beautiful voice and I try to sing the tenor part. Being in the choir has always been a wonderful experience and gives us the opportunity to spend one night together at our church. We both enjoy and appreciate singing in the choir.

I must be honest and say that I don't always like every number that our choir director chooses for us to sing. But there are some numbers that really hit home for me and I love to sing them. This year we are singing a song titled "Who Would Send a Baby?" I like the musical aspect of the song and have really grown to appreciate it. I even find myself

humming the melody during the week. One evening at choir practice, I had an Epiphany! The words of the song really touched my heart. We had been practicing the song for weeks and one line of the song leaped out at me. I saw the line not as a statement of fact but as a question: "Who would send a baby? Only God! When the world is waiting for the Promised One who would do the unexpected, the unconventional, the unfathomable? Only a God who loves surprises! Only a God who loves simplicity! Only a God who knows what we need better than we know ourselves!

The world is still hurting, still in need of healing, still searching for light and love and peace. "Who would send a baby?" continues to



address those eternal needs as we look again with hope for the coming of the Promised One, the only begotten Son of God.

May the baby born as Jesus give you peace and understanding during this Advent season and during the Epiphany season in 2009.



In-Service Opportunities

Administrator In-service # 2

When: January 29, 2009

Where: St. John Lutheran Church,
Norwood Young America

Presenter: Dr. Perry Bresemann

Session One:

Managing Accusations

The world of the administrator has changed dramatically. What has not changed is our relationship with our Lord and the need to deal with people and issues in a Christian professional manner. In this sectional we will discuss the processes available to us when an accusation is directed to a member of our team - or at us personally. Where do we begin? What are our options? Who is available to assist us? What can we do and what should not be done?

Session Two:

What's in Perry's Bag?

Technology is changing at a rapid pace. What tools are available to us to carry out our duties? What is available for our teachers, for our school as a whole and for us as an individual? Perry's bag is filled with technology tools. During this session we will explore some of the latest items as well as those that are tried and true.

Starting Time: 8:30 – 9:00

Registration

Closing Time 3:00 – 3:15

For complete registration information go to www.mns.lcms.org.

2009 LEA National Administrators Conference

When: March 12-14, 2009

Where: Hilton Atlanta Airport

Program: Pre-Conference
Workshops

Keynote Speakers: Fred Brown,
Rev. Mark Jeske, David Walsh

Sectionals

Cost: LEA Member = \$285 before 1/15/2009

For complete registration information go to www.lea.org/NAC2009.htm.

Want to attend, but –

If you have never had the opportunity to attend the LEA National Administrators Conference, LEADnet would like to make that possible. LEADnet will provide five registrations at half price to first time attendees who are members of LEA. Instead of paying the full registration of \$285.00, you would only pay \$142.50.

The 2009 LEA National Administrators Conference will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Airport from March 12 – 14. The theme is “Present Tense ... Future Perfect: LEADing Lutheran Schools into the Future.”

If you would like to apply for reduced registration, please send an email to Michael Oldenburg (mikeo@drlc.org) indicating your desire to attend and your financial need. Applications for the reduced registration need to be emailed no later than January 15th. Those who receive the reduced registration will be notified no later than January 30th.

Minnesota Early Childhood Educator's Conference 2009

When: March 13 & 14, 2009

Where: Concordia University-St. Paul

Theme: Imagine the Possibilities!
“With God, all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

Keynote:

Keri Krout – “What I Know For Sure: Gifts to Give the Children”

Marilyn Sharpe – “What is God Up to With You in the Lives of Children”

For further information please contact Sara Mulso, 651-644-8857, e-mail at mnced@gmail.com. A complete registration packet will be sent in the mail to each school in the MNS District.



Check out the In-Service Opportunities

Change From Communicator to Weekly E-News

Many believe that change is never good, some complain that nothing ever changes. In the interest of being better stewards of the dollars received and to keep all those serving in the churches and schools current on information of all the ministries of the district, the decision has been made to discontinue the *Communicator* and replace it with the *Weekly E-News*. In this way, information is communicated in a timely manner and the cost of publishing, duplicating, collating, and mailing is saved. This December 2008 / January 2009 is the last edition of the *Communicator*.

Many of you have been receiving the *MNS District Weekly E-News*. We hope you like the ease of obtaining information regarding what is happening in the district this way! This is managed in cooperation with our website (www.mnsdistrict.org) in a manner that connects the user with a wealth of information: documents, forms, and other materials, with just a click of the mouse



at your fingertips.

If you are not already receiving the district's Weekly E-News, please send your church, school, or personal email address to Linda Bradford at Linda.Bradford@mnsdistrict.org.

We hope you enjoy the change that is being provided for you; we are committed to making the most up-to-date information available in a very user-friendly format.

Concordia University Education Network—Colloquy Program



The Colloquy Program is an online program of study in Lutheran theology and teaching which prepares Lutheran teachers to receive a Divine Call and be placed on the roster of church workers of the LCMS. The program has been available online through CUENet for a number of years and has served over 1200 teachers throughout the county.

If you have two teachers in your school that have not graduated from a

Concordia and are interested in the Colloquy program please note a special opportunity. CUENet has a number of granting organizations with which it partners to help teachers find the means to participate in the Colloquy Program. Two of these organizations have made a significant opportunity available, providing funds for a limited number of two-for-one full scholarships.

This means that two teachers from the same school can complete the entire Colloquy Program for the price of one! Both must begin their studies with either the January or February

2009 Old Testament course. The scholarship will apply to all the rest of the courses thereafter as long as they register as a pair in any give month.

There are only 10 of these scholarships available and they will be offered first come, first served to administrators who contact CUENet to register both teacher. Details can be viewed at www.cuenet.edu or call 1-800-238-3037.

Teacher Candidates Available for Placement 2008-2009

Program Available	Total	If you will be calling a graduate, please let the MNS District school office know your intention and final details. Call Documents for graduates must be sent to the District office for processing. Our office also has a complete list of Placement Directors at the various Concordia Universities. The Placement Directors hope to have a	Universal Request Form available by February and a web site that will provide you with information about the candidates that are available for placement.
Elementary Education	100		
Secondary Education	80		
Early Childhood Education	26		

If you will be calling a graduate, please let the MNS District office know

National Lutheran Schools Week

Have you received the special mailing from the School Department in St. Louis regarding resources available for celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week?

National Lutheran Schools Week – March 1-7, 2009

Theme – “Securing Each Child’s Future – For Eternity” John 3:16



For more details and materials go to <http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=1774>

Challenging Times—2009 Challenging Year

There is no doubt that these are challenging times for our Lutheran schools and churches. Struggling enrollment, lack of financial support, and add in the economic culture we are experiencing in the United States creates unrest and uncertainty. Some of you may wish that you could experience being principal at a larger school. I have had the experience of administering a small (3 teachers) and two larger schools. I would never

underestimate the joys/challenges or their similarities/differences in small and large schools. It is God who blesses and calls each one of us to the situation at hand. “Bloom where you are planted” comes to mind, but perhaps better are these words: “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23. We

are where we are for a purpose. That purpose is to touch the lives of those around us with the love of Jesus Christ. The Master Teacher will use you as he sees fit.

In conclusion, may the Holy Spirit work in and through you as you begin a new year confident that God is good all the time.



A Prayer for the New Year!

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of God, Spirit of the Risen Christ,
Be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage,
And our Sanctifier.*

*May this new year be a time
Of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time for welcoming Your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.
Amen.*

Lutheran Educators Call Update - as of December 15, 2008

Accepted	From	To
Jack Carlos	Bloomington, MN	LCMS World Missions Guinea West Africa
Mike Millington (Graduate)	Concordia, St. Paul	Living Christ Lutheran Church, Chanhassen DCE

Pending	From	To
Ken Koch	St. Francis, MN	Trinity Lutheran School & High School, St. Francis Executive Director/Principal

Declined	From	To
None at this time		

Calling Congregations	For
Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake	DCE
St. John Lutheran School, Elk River	Principal
Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina	DCE

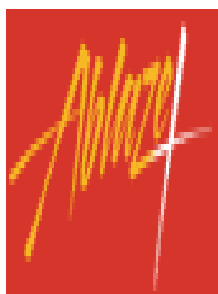


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The mission of the Schools/Commissioned Ministers of the Minnesota South District is to encourage, support, and promote the ministry of Lutheran schools/congregations and to nurture and equip those who carry out that professional educational ministry, so that Christ is proclaimed and the body of Christ may be built up.

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Jan. 8 Region 1 Principals @ CSP – Noon
- Jan. 10 District Accreditation Commission, Burnsville, 9-Noon
- Jan. 12 Region 3 Principals @ RCLS, 1:30 PM
- Jan. 15 Region 2 Principals @ Pizza Ranch, NYA, Noon
- Jan. 20 Region 4 Principals @ Fairmont, 12:30 PM
- Jan. 23 Region 1 Lutheran Teachers' Conference, St. Peter's, Edina
- Jan. 26 Education Conference Program Committee, Burnsville, 2:30 – 4:30 PM
- Jan. 29 Administrator In-service, St. John Lutheran Church, NYA, 8:30 AM
- Feb. 5 District Board of Directors, Burnsville, 10:00 AM
- Feb. 9 Region 3 Principals @ RCLS, 1:30 PM
- Feb. 19 Region 2 Principals, @ Mayer HS, Noon
- Feb. 24 High School Administrators @ Cannon Valley HS, Morristown, 9:30 AM
- Feb. 26 Early Childhood Consultants, Burnsville, 10:00 AM
- Mar. 1-7 National Lutheran Schools Week

